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Gentlemen:

This letter confirms our conversations with Mr. Hestmark that there may be potential violations of the Land Disposal Restrictions portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) at the Rocky Flats Plant. These potential violations appear to be in regard to the placement of contaminated groundwater from a french drain system north of the solar evaporation ponds into the solar evaporation pond 207B north.

For several years, the contaminated groundwater was pumped to the solar evaporation pond to keep it from entering North Walnut Creek and contaminating the surface water. In our efforts to close the solar evaporation ponds, it is currently being proposed that surge tanks and portable evaporators be used to manage the water from the interceptor trench. This system can be in place in a few months after receipt of approvals from the Colorado Department of Health. A separate letter concerning these water management issues is being sent to appropriate individuals at both the Colorado Department of Health and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in hopes of scheduling a meeting prior to January 15, 1991.

If any other actions are necessary, such as incorporating these potential violations into the Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement, please contact Thomas E. Lukow of my staff at 966-4561.

Sincerely,


for Robert M. Nelson, Jr

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